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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand for midweek was slow to moderate at best with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate to readily available, and wings were at least sufficient. The remaining parts were fully adequate to ample and discounted to aid in movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 70.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.00 cents last year on September 28, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	159.00
BREASTS - B/S	131.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	103.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Demand into all channels was light and unaggressive and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample with heavier weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best with supplies of all items fully adequate to plentiful and heavily discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light and unaggressive for midweek trading. Offerings were readily available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to ample; tenders, wings and most dark meat cuts were readily available and slow to clear.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mixed, steady to weak, generally barely steady. Fill-in trade on 3 up wogs into Chicago reported at 36 cents. Offers of additional whole fryers were adequate to available for the lackluster buyer's needs. Retail demand was light to fair. Food service movement slow to moderate, best into fast food channels. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Sizes desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were available as most buyers selective and trying to maintain close inventories. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on wings, barely steady to weak on breast items and leg items.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiment was weak. Offerings remained in an ample position. Weights trended heavy. Buying activity was only fair as buyers' interest in excess product slow to evolve. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good where promotions in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 23, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 23, 2006 were 6.62 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 09/23/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	206,159	207,247	-01
CHICKS PLACED	172,537	171,921	0

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Nov-06 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 161.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.53 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	734	90.00-187.00	-	103.34
TENDERLOINS	208	92.00-175.00	-	102.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	72.00-81.00	75-78	77.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	30.00-45.00	31-32	32.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	582	21.00-29.00	24-25	24.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	780	23.00-31.00	26-27	26.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	95.00-106.00	96-100	99.15
WINGS (CUT)	280	118.00-126.00	119-122	120.64
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR

Sep 26, 2006 - F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
35.50-44.00	39.52

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	784	90.00-177.00	-	104.60
TENDERLOINS	178	92.00-162.00	-	104.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	228	30.00-45.00	31-32	32.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	561	20.00-27.00	24-25	24.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	769	22.00-31.00	26-27	26.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	315	92.00-104.00	94-97	98.54
WINGS (CUT)	175	118.00-124.00	-	119.66
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR

Sep 27, 2006 - F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 44.25	40.65	39.85

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

### NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at last adequate to available; tenders, wings and most dark meat cuts were fully adequate to instances ample and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for most items.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

CURRENT NEG

WTD

TRADING\*

AVG\*\*

VOL/LBS

BREAST - B/S	115-120	111.35	664,120
TENDERLOINS	110-115	113.17	301,587
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	77.31	108,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	74.00	81,000
LEGS	41-42	38.44	194,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.67	373,440
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	39.14	123,740
THIGHS	32-33	41.08	78,600
B/S THIGHS	86-87	87.02	139,210
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	107.20	255,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.71	19,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.36	25,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.41	13,760

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

CURRENT NEG

WTD

TRADING\*

AVG\*\*

VOL/LBS

BREAST - B/S	115-120	106.81	571,601
TENDERLOINS	110-115	117.66	103,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	87.04	51,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	72.00	81,000
LEGS	40-41	42.81	105,540
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.30	232,800
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	37.64	42,880
THIGHS	31-32	39.10	36,400
B/S THIGHS	85-86	86.55	45,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	105.11	194,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.68	26,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.73	10,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.28	14,480

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	09/27	09/25	09/22	09/25	09/22
Alabama	4,194	4,136	3,933	4,682	5.56
Arkansas	5,402	5,349	5,215	4,469	5.48
Delmarva	2,296	2,281	2,269	2,559	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,358	2,364	2,361	2,683	5.32
Mississippi	2,795	2,850	2,870	2,986	5.74
N Carolina	2,653	2,636	2,630	2,626	6.89
Texas	2,521	2,512	2,765	2,265	5.49
Total	22,219	22,128	22,043	21,985	5.71
Mon-Wed	66,389(A)				5.56

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Sep-06 is estimated to be 33,242,000 head up 1.41 percent from a week ago and up 3.49 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,781,000, last year 32,122,000)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 91-103
	DRY PACK 110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/30/06 (1)	09/23/06
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	169,944 (2)	164,985
Light hens	1,188	1,086
Heavy hens	1,512	1,516
Total	172,644	169,433

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Sep-06 is 164.5 million head compared to 164.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.3 million head or 5.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Oct-06 the estimated available is 164.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/25/06	105,541	67,957
AM 09/01/06	106,259	71,254
CHG	-718	-3,297
PCT CHG	-1	-5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/25/06	09/18/06	09/26/05	09/25/06	09/18/06	09/26/05
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	584	627	4,866	10,535	10,706	4,568
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	282	284	96	2,640	2,835	2,350

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-80

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/26/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	1.90	1.34	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	7.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	5.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.60	2.05	1.72	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.65	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.50	.93	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	11.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.50	11.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	83						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 22, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	69.76	147.73	73.87	16.41	4.10	75.92
High	72.64	160.04	82.07	20.52	8.21	75.92
Mostly	69.76	147.73	77.97	16.41	4.10	75.92
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	68.94	147.73	73.87	16.41	4.10	69.76
High	72.22	160.04	77.97	20.52	8.21	69.76
Mostly	70.58	147.73	73.87	16.41	4.10	69.76
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	68.12	143.63	77.97	16.41	4.10	77.97
High	72.22	151.84	82.07	20.52	8.21	77.97
Mostly	69.76	147.73	82.07	20.52	4.10	77.97
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	69.76	155.94	77.97	16.41	8.21	71.81
High	73.05	164.15	86.18	24.62	8.21	71.81
Mostly	69.76	155.94	82.07	20.52	8.21	71.81

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive, somewhat typical of normal mid-week activity. Offerings were readily available and difficult to place. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 63 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, increased activity was noted on boneless/skinless breasts, however, all parts were more than sufficient in handling the current lackluster buyer interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
	53-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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